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Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States – TOW-2B Missiles

On 11 October, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States of TOW-2B missiles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$18 million.

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States has requested a possible sale of 290 TOW-2B missiles, spare and repair parts, technical support, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, technical data and publications, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$18 million.

This sale is consistent with United States law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

The recipient will use these missiles to increase its military defensive posture and will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Company in Tucson, Arizona. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the recipient.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.